

President to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 115) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, together with the accompanying joint resolution, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I wonder if the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON] would explain to the House the effect of his motion.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. If the gentleman would yield, Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman will recall, shortly after the President vetoed the second continuing resolution, the House acted to postpone to a date certain further consideration of the veto message. That date was December 1, this Friday.

Since then, we have had a successful negotiation with the administration regarding the content of a continuing resolution that takes us through December 15 and a resolution of the language regarding the President's commitment to a balanced budget in 7 years. So I am pleased to say no further action on the veto of the continuing resolution is necessary, and that is why I am proposing to refer the message to the Committee on Appropriations, effectively putting this chapter of the debate behind us. I hope everyone would support this request.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1995, TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2076, DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House may have until midnight tomorrow, December 1, 1995, to file a conference report on the bill (H.R. 2076) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1350, THE MARITIME SECURITY ACT OF 1995

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-375) on the resolution (H.

Res. 287) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1350) to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the U.S.-flag merchant marine, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REMOVAL OF NAMES OF MEMBERS AS COSPONSORS OF H.R. 2667

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. DAVIS], the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. WOLF], and the gentlewoman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA], be removed as cosponsors of H.R. 2667, a bill which I had introduced.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE—REQUEST FOR REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT REGARDING COMPLAINTS AGAINST SPEAKER

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House on behalf of myself and the gentleman from Florida [Mr. PETERSON], and I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 288) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Whereas the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct is currently considering several ethics complaints against Speaker Newt Gingrich;

Whereas the Committee has traditionally handled such cases by appointing an independent, non-partisan, outside counsel—a procedure which has been adopted in every major ethics case since the Committee was established.

Whereas—although complaints against Speaker Gingrich have been under consideration for more than 14 months—the Committee has failed to appoint an outside counsel;

Whereas the Committee has also deviated from other long-standing precedents and rules of procedure; including its failure to adopt a Resolution of Preliminary Inquiry before calling third-party witnesses and receiving sworn testimony;

Whereas these procedural irregularities—and the unusual delay in the appointment of an independent, outside counsel—have led to widespread concern that the Committee is making special exceptions for the Speaker of the House;

Whereas the integrity of the House depends on the confidence of the American people in the fairness and impartiality of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

Therefore be it resolved that;

The Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct should report to the House, no later than December 12, 1995, concerning:

(1) The status of the Committee's investigation of the complaints against Speaker Gingrich;

(2) the Committee's disposition with regard to the appointment of a non-partisan outside counsel and the scope of the counsel's investigation;

(3) a timetable for Committee action on the complaints.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution states a question of privilege.

MOTION TO TABLE OFFERED BY MR. ARMEY

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. ARMEY moves to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 218, noes 170, answered "present" 9, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 833]

AYES—218

Allard	Ehlers	Lewis (CA)
Archer	Ehrlich	Lewis (KY)
Army	Emerson	Lightfoot
Bachus	English	Linder
Baker (CA)	Everett	Livingston
Baker (LA)	Fawell	LoBiondo
Ballenger	Fields (TX)	Longley
Barr	Flanagan	Lucas
Barrett (NE)	Foley	Manzullo
Bartlett	Forbes	Martinez
Barton	Fowler	Martini
Bass	Fox	McCollum
Bateman	Franks (CT)	McCrery
Bereuter	Franks (NJ)	McDade
Bilbray	Frelinghuysen	McHugh
Bilirakis	Frisa	McInnis
Bliley	Funderburk	McIntosh
Blute	Galleghy	McKeon
Boehlert	Ganske	Metcalf
Boehner	Gekas	Meyers
Bonilla	Gilchrest	Mica
Bono	Gillmor	Miller (FL)
Brownback	Gilman	Molinar
Bryant (TN)	Goodlatte	Moorhead
Bunn	Goodling	Myers
Bunning	Graham	Myrick
Burr	Greenwood	Nethercutt
Burton	Gunderson	Neumann
Buyer	Gutknecht	Ney
Callahan	Hancock	Norwood
Calvert	Hansen	Nussle
Camp	Hastings (WA)	Oxley
Canady	Hayworth	Packard
Castle	Hefley	Parker
Chabot	Heineman	Paxon
Chambliss	Herger	Petri
Christensen	Hilleary	Pombo
Chrysler	Hoekstra	Porter
Clinger	Hoke	Portman
Coble	Horn	Pryce
Coburn	Houghton	Radanovich
Collins (GA)	Hunter	Ramstad
Combest	Hutchinson	Regula
Cooley	Hyde	Riggs
Cox	Inglis	Roberts
Crane	Istook	Rogers
Crapo	Johnson, Sam	Rohrabacher
Creameans	Jones	Ros-Lehtinen
Cubin	Kasich	Roth
Cunningham	Kelly	Roukema
Davis	Kim	Royce
Deal	Kingston	Salmon
DeLay	Klug	Sanford
Diaz-Balart	Knollenberg	Saxton
Dickey	LaHood	Scarborough
Doolittle	Largent	Schaefer
Dornan	Latham	Seastrand
Dreier	LaTourette	Sensenbrenner
Duncan	Lazio	Shadegg
Dunn	Leach	Shaw